

colleagues like ROSA DELAURO, MAX FROST, and ROBIN KELLY to reduce firearm deaths among our children.

This legislation requires every firearms seller to provide a gun lock or a gun safety device every single time that a firearm is sold in the United States.

Far too often, Mr. Speaker, gun owners fail to properly secure their weapons with tragic consequences leading to accidental deaths, preventable suicides, and on several occasions, school shootings and other mass violence.

These deaths are preventable through proper gun storage and safety. When used correctly, a gun lock or secure gun storage or safety device makes it impossible for the gun to be fired.

Gun locks, Mr. Speaker, like this one, have already saved countless lives, and requiring their use is key to combating America's gun violence crisis.

This bill does work in tandem with Representative DELAURO's Ethan's Law, which mandates safe storage, requiring gun owners to secure their firearms in their home.

However, this crisis must be tackled with even more urgency because our children's lives depend on it.

Madam Speaker, this gun lock was \$10 and \$10 could save the life of a child.

These gun locks are a commonsense solution that every Member of this body should support. This should not be controversial. Keeping firearms out of the hands of our children should not be a partisan issue.

I will not stop fighting until Congress finally takes action to end the gun violence epidemic in our country. We must honor the lives of those killed with action.

Our communities deserve better, Mr. Speaker. Our families deserve better, and our kids deserve so much more than prayers.

HONORING SERGIO MARTINEZ

Ms. TLAIIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise to uplift one of my LGBTQ+ neighbors. His name is Sergio Martinez.

During this Pride Month, I recognize Sergio's activism and leadership in the immigrant rights movement in Detroit.

Sergio is an inspiring DACA recipient. He came here at 5 years old, but that didn't stop him from giving back to the community.

He grew up proudly in southwest Detroit and serves on the board of Michigan United, leading the Detroit Immigrants Rights Organizing Committee. He is a passionate advocate for legal protection of our undocumented neighbors and a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, TPS holders, farmworkers and essential workers.

Sergio also believes that housing is a human right and was recently appointed to the new statewide housing advisory board by Governor Whitmer.

This Pride Month, join me in honoring Sergio Martinez, a trailblazing LGBTQ+ leader in our community. We thank him for his commitment in ad-

vancing equality and justice in Detroit and across Michigan.

PRESIDENT BIDEN'S STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PLAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak out against the administration's egregious student loan forgiveness plan.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, this unauthorized handout will cost the taxpayers an estimated \$400 billion over the next decade. That means that everyday, hardworking Americans who either choose not to attend college or who have paid their loans will be on the hook for the financial decisions of others.

Tell me: Does that sound like a fair shake for the American taxpayer? Of course not.

Additionally, it is not even clear if the President has the authority to do this because, you see, he hijacked a law meant to help veterans, veterans who had served their country following 9/11 just to justify this unprecedented bail-out.

But I tell you what: House Republicans are standing up to this administration's unreasonable and irresponsible policies. That is why a few weeks ago, the House passed a bipartisan resolution to block the administration's student loan forgiveness plan from even taking effect.

Our colleagues in the Senate, well, they resoundingly agreed with us by sending this to the President's desk, where he then vetoed our resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in both the House and the Senate to defend the American taxpayer and override this veto.

HONORING THE MEMORIES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE PITTSBURGH SYNAGOGUE SHOOTING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. LEE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, with a heavy heart, to honor the memories of the 11 victims of the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting, an attack on three Jewish congregations during Shabbat service on the morning of October 27, 2018.

Back in Pittsburgh, the trial for the deadliest anti-Semitic attack in our Nation's history is proceeding. The jury convicted the gunman on all 63 counts. Though this is a step toward justice, this trial reopened unimaginably painful wounds that have barely begun to heal.

Congregation Dor Hadash, New Light Congregation, and the Tree of Life Congregation all had members taken from them. Their names were: Joyce Fienberg, Richard Gottfried, Rose Mallinger, Jerry Rabinowitz, Cecil Rosenthal, David Rosenthal, Bernice

Simon, Sylvan Simon, Daniel Stein, Melvin Wax, and Irving Younger.

They were fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, friends, and colleagues. They were members of a vibrant community who sought solace, peace, and unity within the walls of their synagogue.

May their memories be forever a blessing. And may the strength and resilience shown by the survivors, the victims' family members, and the entire Jewish community throughout this heartbreaking trial forever be an inspiration to us all.

They inspire me to work even harder to confront the root causes of hatred, racism, and bigotry so that no community has to live in fear of such senseless gun violence ever again.

They were murdered by a white supremacist gunman who targeted them because of their faith and because their faith called them to welcome immigrants and refugees.

The shooter was motivated by the "great replacement theory." This was the same white supremacist theory that motivated the shooter in Buffalo to take the lives of 10 community members; the shooter in El Paso to take the lives of 23 Hispanic community members; and the shooter in Christchurch to take the lives of 51 Muslim worshippers.

The best prediction of violence against our communities is violent language. That holds in each of the four mass shooting examples I just mentioned. We must uphold the right of free speech while also working to stem the proliferation of violent rhetoric.

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When I visited the synagogue this past February, I met with the Tree of Life congregation leadership and several family members of those murdered. I was profoundly moved, both by the unimaginable pain of what I saw, but also the beautiful conversations we had.

Together, we discussed what can be done to help the community heal from the trauma, and we discussed their vision for transforming the site into a center to educate against anti-Semitism and hate, a vision I support.

The attack on the three Pittsburgh Jewish congregations is part of a larger pattern of hate-fueled violence that plagues our Nation. The Black community is all too familiar with the rising tide of white supremacy in our country.

The Federal Government has the responsibility to act. We all have the responsibility to use our platforms and condemn the rhetoric and dismantle the systems of white supremacy that enable this and other kinds of violence against our communities.

We must strengthen our gun laws to make sure weapons of war never enter the hands of someone capable of such violence. We must invest in resources to identify and dismantle extremist networks. We must work hand in hand

with communities, engaging in dialogue and support, to address the root causes of hatred and prevent future acts of violence.

If we don't, these things will only get worse. It is for this reason that I make a commitment—a commitment made by Reverend Eric Manning, senior pastor of Mother Emanuel Church AME, when he visited Pittsburgh. Mother Emanuel was the site of a 2015 shooting, where a self-avowed white supremacist entered the Charleston, South Carolina, church during a Bible study and killed nine Black congregants.

When Reverend Manning spoke at the funeral of Rose Mallinger, the last of the 11 victims to be laid to rest, he said: "You are not alone. We mourn with you. We are here for you and that will never change."

I commit myself to building bridges between marginalized communities and fighting back. I want our Jewish siblings to know that we are in this fight together every day for as long as it takes.

I end with an excerpt from the Jewish prayer for peace that Rose Mallinger led every Saturday service:

May it be Your will . . .
that You erase war and bloodshed from the world and
in its place draw down a great and glorious peace so
that nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore. . . .
Let justice come in waves like water and
righteousness flow like river, for the Earth shall
be full of the knowledge of the Holy One as the
waters covered the sea.
So may it be.
And we say:
Amen.

STUDENT LOAN GIVEAWAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in opposition to President Biden's student loan scam and urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote to override President Biden's veto of H.J. Res. 45, which would overturn this ridiculous misuse of taxpayer dollars and transfer of wealth from the working class to our country's most wealthy and educated citizens.

Mr. Speaker, middle Tennessee is home to many hardworking, blue-collar workers who do everything they can to provide for their families and live within their means. Many of them made tough decisions to forego attending college to pursue careers in skilled trades like becoming an electrician, a plumber, or carpenter, each valuable skill sets and careers that keep our communities running and provide services we could never live without.

In fact, 66 percent of the folks in Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District have no college degree. This, along

with those who responsibly took out student loans and paid them back, means that an estimated 759,000 people whom I represent are ineligible for the Biden administration's proposed student loan giveaway.

To put this into perspective, the total population of Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District is 768,525. A whopping 98.7 percent of folks whom I represent will never see a penny of the billions being wasted on this ill-guided proposal. What is even worse is that it will cost the folks of my district an estimated \$1.53 billion, or almost \$2,000 per individual.

At a time when the U.S. national debt has surpassed \$32 trillion for the first time in our country's history, meaning that each citizen owes almost \$100,000 of the national debt, the last thing Americans need, and that Tennesseans need, is another 2,000 in debt to pay for other people's decisions to pursue college degrees.

Mr. Speaker, when we debated this legislation on the floor previously, I said that America is a country built on the idea of freedom. Freedom does not mean freedom from individual responsibility, but freedom from unreasonable constraints. By forcing Tennesseans to foot the bill for the college degrees of wealthy lawyers and doctors in New York and California, President Biden is chipping away at our freedom.

Back home in my district, where the median household income is \$57,373, President Biden's student loan bailout will cost almost an entire paycheck for the hardworking folks of Tennessee's Sixth District.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I encourage the President and those who support this transfer of wealth from blue-collar folks of Tennessee to coastal elites to take a visit to my constituents and tell them this news that their hard-earned paychecks will be going to some of the most well-educated and wealthy Americans in our country.

I have a feeling that a lot of folks who support this policy would have a hard time going door-to-door taking paychecks away from people without college degrees so that those with college degrees can reap the rewards and benefits of the President's policy.

Mr. Speaker, let's call this proposal what it is: An election-year gimmick that has no chance of ever becoming law through the normal procedures of being passed by the House and the Senate. Even some Democrats understand this policy is just plain wrong and that is why they joined Republicans to pass this legislation, which would have stopped this proposal in its track.

Now is our chance to override the President's veto. Let's hope more commonsense and fiscally responsible Democrats will join us to send a message to the President to reverse course on this disastrous decision.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF JACQUES "JAY" ROUGEAU

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jacques "Jay" Rougeau, a Pennsylvania State trooper who died in the line of duty just this past Saturday, June 17.

Trooper Rougeau was shot and fatally injured while responding to a call in Juniata, Pennsylvania. Trooper Rougeau was only 29 years old.

Now, Trooper Rougeau is a native of Corry, Pennsylvania, which is in my district where, today, he remains on the minds of so many family, friends, neighbors, and loved ones.

According to reports, a man had arrived at Troop G, Lewistown Station armed with a rifle and fired at patrol vehicles in the parking lot and shot one officer. After a search, troopers located the shooter where they exchanged gunfire. Both the shooter and Trooper Rougeau were shot and killed. Those who knew Trooper Rougeau say he knew from a young age that he always wanted to be a police officer. After graduating from Corry Area High School in 2012, he first interned with the city of Corry Police Department in 2014.

During the internship, Rougeau said his ultimate goal was to become a Pennsylvania State trooper. He enlisted in 2020 and started with Troop G just 3 months ago. Trooper Rougeau is the 104th member of the Pennsylvania State Police to make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

If we can, take a look at this picture. This is somebody that is in the prime of their life, just starting off, in the position that he so coveted being a part of this group. He wanted to be a police officer. He wanted to serve Pennsylvania's citizens by being a Pennsylvania State policeman.

Unfortunately, he is gone. He leaves behind a wife, Chloe, who I am told was his high school sweetheart. I know that he has made the city of Corry and the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania proud for so bravely serving in law enforcement.

Mr. Speaker, I thank him for his service, and offer a moment of silence in honor of his memory. I ask if we could all please think for a moment about this young man, think about the un-lived part of his life, and all who serve in the line of duty.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will honor a moment of silence.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I wish his family could be here to see that the entire gallery just stood up and, even though you did not know Trooper Rougeau, you stood up to honor what he did in his line of duty.

This is a tragic loss not only for the community of Corry, but the entire